

The Kentucky State Police announced the 2012 Trooper of the Year, Detective of the Year, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer of the Year and other awards for acts of bravery, life-saving, professionalism and dedication to duty on May 23 at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Frankfort.

Manchester-resident **Tpr. Charles J. Senters** was named 2012 Trooper of the Year. An eight-year veteran of the Kentucky State Police, he is assigned to KSP Post 11 in London.

During 2012, Tpr. Senters issued 1,322 citations. He arrested 26 individuals for driving under the influence, investigated 47 motor vehicle crashes, responded to 433 complaints, opened 62 criminal investigations and made 180 criminal arrests.

In addition to his traffic enforcement efforts, Tpr. Senters also solved a 44-year-old cold case resulting in a murder indictment. In another case, he was able to arrest two individuals for a robbery and violent murder within six days. Through numerous search warrants, interviews and evidentiary items, he was able to build a case in a drug-related missing person investigation which resulted in three federal murder indictment warrants.

Senters is a 1997 graduate of Clay Co. High School and a 2004 graduate of Somerset Community College. He is the son of the late Charles E. Senters and Pamela Y. Whitehead of Manchester.

Pikeville-resident **Det. Jimmy D. Anderson** was named 2012 Detective of the Year. An eight-year veteran of the Kentucky State Police, he is assigned to KSP Post 9 in Pikeville.

During 2012, Det. Anderson had an impressive list of accomplishments including a murder charge stemming from a collision where a local law enforcement officer was fatally injured; the arrest of multiple subjects in a \$35,000 forgery case; a murder charge relating to an out-of-state missing person; the recovery of more than \$1.5 million in stolen equipment; the location of the body of a missing female and the arrest of her husband and a pending murder indictment in a 16-year old cold case.

A 1983 graduate of Johns Creek High School, Anderson is the son of the late Billy Anderson and Helen Anderson of Pikeville.

London-resident **Officer Michael R. Hamblin** was named the 2012 Jason Cammack Officer of the Year for the KSP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division. A six year veteran of the division, Hamblin is assigned to CVE Region 4 based in London.

Officer Hamblin maintained a high level of activity in 2012 with a total of 2,400 citations and 222 arrests including 131 DUI arrests. He opened 16 criminal cases and investigated 25 collisions. He performed 673 safety inspections that removed 95 drivers and 115 vehicles from the roadway. These numbers gave him a 26.9 percent vehicle-out-of-service rate and a 14.1 percent driver-out-of-service rate, which are both well above the national average.

A graduate of South Laurel Co. High School, Hamblin is the son of Roy and Lola Hamblin of London.

The **KSP Citation for Bravery**, an honor bestowed on officers of the agency who perform acts of bravery, without regard for personal risk, of clear and obvious peril and clearly above and beyond the call or risk of ordinary duty, was presented to:

Lt. Brenton Ford, Post 2, Madisonville
Sr. Tpr. Timothy Sales, Post 2, Madisonville
Sr. Tpr Emilio Soto, Post 5, Campbellsburg
Lt. Thomas W. Lilley, Post 6, Dry Ridge
Sr. Tpr. Jesse A. Armstrong, Post 7, Richmond

The Lifesaving Medal, awarded to officers who perform life-saving acts under extraordinary circumstances, was presented to:

Tpr. Jonathan D. Moore, Post 8, Morehead
Sr. Tpr. Scott Bunch, Post 11, London
Sr. Tpr. Edward S. Jones, Post 11, London
Sr. Tpr. Leslie T. Moses, Post 11, London

The **Citation for Meritorious Service with “V” Device for Valor**, bestowed on officers of the agency who distinguish themselves by an act of courage performed under more than ordinary circumstances, was presented to:

Sgt. Aaron D. Beighle, Post 6, Dry Ridge
Det. Christopher L. Jaskowiak, Post 6, Dry Ridge
Tpr. First Class McTavish L. McDonald, Post 6, Dry Ridge
Sr. Tpr. Steven A. Robb, Post 6, Dry Ridge
Sgt. Erik S. Kouns, Post 14, Ashland
Tpr. Joseph A. Vorbeck, III, Post 14, Ashland

The Guthrie Crowe Award, named after the first Commissioner of the Kentucky State Police and bestowed upon officers of the agency who sustain a severe wound or injury in the performance of duty, was presented to:

Sr. Tpr. Jimmy L. Halcomb, Jr., Post 10, Harlan

Eighteen troopers were named **Trooper of the Year** at the post, branch or division level. They include:

Sr. Tpr. Eric D. Fields, Post 1, Mayfield
Tpr. Jonathan C. McGehee, Post 2, Madisonville
Sr. Tpr. Gregory L. Dukes, Post 3, Bowling Green
Tpr. Jerry L. Clanton, Post 4, Elizabethtown
Sr. Tpr. Joshua D. Noble, Post 5, Campbellsburg
Sr. Tpr. Jeremy C. Moore, Post 6, Dry Ridge
Sr. Tpr. James Glen Reed, Post 7, Richmond
Tpr. William Brent Sparks, Post 8, Morehead

Tpr. Adam L. Hensley, Post 9, Pikeville
Sr. Tpr. Danny E. Caudill, Post 10, Harlan
Sr. Tpr. Charles Jeffery Senters, Post 11, London
Tpr. First Class Ronald L. Turley, Post 12, Frankfort
Sr. Tpr. Charles J. King, Post 13, Hazard
Tpr. Devan L. Cleaver, Post 14, Ashland
Sr. Tpr. Bryan K. Shepard, Post 15, Columbia
Tpr. James T. Gaither, Post 16, Henderson
Sr. Tpr. Toby E. Young, Special Operations Branch
Tpr. First Class Jason D. Young, Driver Testing Branch

Nineteen troopers were named **Detective of the Year** at the post, branch or division level. They include:

Det. Brett S. Miller, Post 1, Mayfield
Det. Daniel P. Morck, Post 2, Madisonville
Det. Erik C. Salman, Post 3, Bowling Green
Det. Ryan T. Johnson, Post 4, Elizabethtown
Det. Kurt B. Buhts, Post 5, Campbellsburg
Det. Gerald A. Fieger, Jr., Post 6, Dry Ridge
Det. Monte H. Owens, Post 7, Richmond
Det. Christopher S. Fearin, Post 8, Morehead
Det. Jimmy D. Anderson, Post 9, Pikeville
Det. Keith A. Saylor, Post 10, Harlan
Det. Don C. Sivils, Post 11, London
Det. David Brennan, Post 12, Frankfort
Det. Christopher G. Collins, Post 13, Hazard
Det. Benjamin C. Cramer, Post 14, Ashland
Det. Bramlett J. Burton, Post 15, Columbia
Det. Timothy Allen Payne, Post 16, Henderson
Det. Brandon B. Curlis, East Drug Enforcement/Special Investigations
Det. George L. Atwood, West Drug Enforcement/Special Investigations
Det. Christopher L. Frazier, Electronic Crime Branch

Seven Commercial Vehicle Enforcement officers were named Officer of the Year at the region level, including:

CVE Officer Harold E. Mosley, II, Region 1, Henderson
CVE Officer Jeremy T. Duvall, Region 2, Louisville
CVE Officer Brian C. Gilliam, Region 3, Georgetown
CVE Officer Michael R. Hamblin, Region 4, London
CVE Officer Jerry C. Hudson, Region 5, Morehead
CVE Officer Tony L. Brashear, Region 6, Pikeville
CVE Officer Bobby R. Allen, Jr., Programs Branch, Frankfort

The 2012 **KSP Safe Driving Awards**, which recognize the KSP post and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement region with the highest average number of safe driving miles between assessable accidents, were presented to KSP Post 4 in Elizabethtown and CVE Region 2 in Louisville. Post 4 had a record of 1 million, 410,702 miles with no assessable collisions. Region 2 had a record of 776,002 miles with no assessable collisions.

The **KSP Citation for Meritorious Achievement**, the agency's highest civilian award bestowed upon individuals who performed an extraordinary act of service or heroism in direct support of an officer of the agency engaged in the official performance of duty, was presented to:

Deputy Steve Madden, Webster Co. Sheriff's Dept.

Deputy Dean Murray, Henry Co. Sheriff's Dept.

Deputy Kevin Berry, Jackson Co. Sheriff's Dept. (now with the Laurel Co. Sheriff's Dept.)

Sheriff Charles Rechtin, Bracken Co. Sheriff's Dept.

Deputy Herb Rumford, Bracken Co. Sheriff's Dept.

Ervin Sorrell, Glasgow, Ky.

David Kemper, Upton, Ky.